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GUIDED MISSILE AND ASTRONAUTICS INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

30 November 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary, USIB

SUBJECT: Research Studies

1. In compliance with your memorandum, subject: "Request for Information Regarding USIB Research Studies", dated 20 November 1962 (USIB-D-27.1/22) the following information pertaining to the research activities of the GMAIC is submitted.

2. The only formal research study currently being developed by this Committee is a study of Vostok III and Vostok IV.

a. Subject of the study. -- A reconstruction of the Soviet double manned earth satellite event, i.e., Vostoks III and IV, 11-15 August 1962, and an appraisal of the significance for future Soviet space accomplishments.

b. Authority for originating study. -- Study instigated by Mr. John Rubel, OSD, and Mr. Seamans, NASA. It was approved in concept by Mr. McCone, and begun shortly after the event, in mid-August 1962.

c. Group preparing study. -- Contributions to the study have been made by Air Force (AFSC/FTD et. al.), NSA, CIA (OSI), NASA, and by contractors thereof. The GMAIC Secretariat is preparing the draft study for review purposes.

d. Authority which will approve and issue study. -- After Committee coordination and review, the study will be approved and issued as a GMAIC report. We would appreciate guidance on whether USIB wishes to review the report itself before release to intelligence consumers.

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e. Intended recipients of study. -- The report will be distributed to the intelligence community, DOD/DDRE, NASA, Scientific Advisor to the President, and others.

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f. Planned date of completion. -- The original intent was to complete the GMAIC report by November, 1962. The heavy involvement of GMAIC in the Cuban operation has necessitated postponement. The draft will probably be circulated in December, 1962 for review, with publication in January 1963. Significant findings have already been communicated to recipients and users, and some contributing papers have been published as originating-agency reports; e.g., NSA on 18 October 1962.

3. In addition to the study described in paragraph 2 above, GMAIC undertakes on a recurring basis, research efforts culminating in contributions to NIEs. The NIEs to which GMAIC makes a significant contribution are:

- a. USSR: Long-Range Attack (11-8)  
Defense (11-3)  
Military Capabilities and Intentions (11-4)  
Space
- b. China: Special Weapons
- c. Egypt: Special Weapons

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